



# SORRT

NETWORK

## CALENDAR

**AUGUST 12-20**

### Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

Stop by and visit the Division's recycling exhibit for information on recycling, waste reduction and buying recycled at home, school or work.

### FILING DEADLINES FOR BUSINESS RECYCLING PLAN:

- **Large and medium-sized businesses** (100 or more employees) due no later than **August 15, 2005**.
- **Small-sized businesses** (fewer than 100 employees) due within 60 days of receipt of notification (no later than **September 15, 2005**).
- **Property owners/managers** filing for multi-tenant facilities due no later than **August 15, 2005**.

### FALL 2005

#### Business Recycling Seminars

Dates, times, and locations to be determined. Due to overwhelming interest, additional seminars will be held discussing the County's revised recycling regulations and how your business can comply with the new requirements.

### NEW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES

In a continuing effort to ensure compliance with the County's recycling regulations in the business community, the Division of Solid Waste Services has created two new Recycling Investigator positions.

These investigators will ensure that businesses are in compliance with the County's commercial recycling requirements.



## New Executive Regulations for Recycling Enacted

In 1993, Montgomery County enacted Montgomery County Executive Regulation 109-92AM which required all residents, multi-family properties, and businesses to recycle. In addition, it put into place reporting requirements for the multi-family and business sectors.

More than ten years later, the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) began to rewrite Executive Regulation 109-92AM to improve and clarify recycling requirements. As a result, the County enacted Montgomery County Executive Regulation 15-04AM on February 8, 2005. ER 15-04AM supersedes ER109-92AM and is effective immediately.

In addition to this revised regulation, the County also enacted Executive Regulation 18-04. This new regulation bans the disposal of recyclable materials as

solid waste at County disposal facilities. This regulation also provides guidelines for collection companies that contract with businesses and multi-family properties for collection or disposal of recyclable materials.

As a result of these regulations, DSWS is implementing notification and education initiatives to let all parties know of their responsibilities under the revised regulations.

In this edition of the SORRT Network Newsletter, we will describe some of the changes that businesses must be aware of as a result of the revised regulation. SORRT staff are available to assist any and all businesses that need assistance in updating their recycling programs to come into immediate compliance.

A complete informational package is being developed and will be mailed to all businesses in July. This packet will include a copy of the regulations, an easy-to-read brochure summarizing the changes of the revised regulations, a copy of the Business Recycling and Waste Reduction Plan, and associated instructions for completing the Plan.



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As a result of these changes, all businesses will be required to complete and return the Business Recycling and Waste Reduction Plan to the Division for review and approval.

Businesses must comply with these recycling regulations within 30 days of operating within the County.

This is an exciting time for the County and for all businesses in Montgomery County. We look forward to helping you come into compliance with ER15-04AM. In the end, we all will be recycling more and will be well on our way to recycling 50 percent of our waste generated. In the interim, if you have any questions, please check our Web site at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) or call the SORRT Program at 240-777-6400.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF EXECUTIVE REGULATION 15-04AM

On February 8, 2005, Montgomery County enacted Executive Regulation 15-04AM which supersedes existing Montgomery County Executive Regulation 109-92AM. Some of the changes include:

### ■ Materials required for recycling

- Businesses are now required to recycle:
  - Mixed paper or sorted paper (white paper, colored paper, corrugated cardboard, boxboard, newspapers and inserts, magazines, catalogs, telephone directories, paper-back books, unwanted mail, and other clean, dry paper)
  - Commingled containers (aluminum cans and foil products, bi-metal cans, glass bottles and jars, and plastic narrow-neck bottles) which may also be sorted
  - Yard trim (grass, leaves, and brush)
  - Christmas trees
  - Scrap metal items (ferrous and non-ferrous)

### ■ Waste reduction and recycling plan

- All businesses must file a waste reduction and recycling plan demonstrating how the business will recycle or reduce the amount of solid waste going to disposal facilities with the goal of reducing solid waste for disposal by at least 50% annually, by volume or weight.
- Property owners of multi-tenant facilities are now required to file these waste reduction plans on behalf of their tenants.

### ■ Annual recycling and waste reduction reports

- Property owners of multi-tenant facilities are now required to file annual recycling and waste reduction reports covering facilities in their entirety, including information for all of their tenants.

- If a business self-hauls recyclable materials to a recycling facility, the business must obtain scale house tickets or other proof of quantity recycled if scale tickets cannot be obtained, as proof of recycling as reported on their annual report.
- Property management companies or businesses must describe their efforts to educate tenants and/or employees about their recycling program.

### ■ Container Requirements

- Owners or operators of each business must provide and place containers for all required recyclable materials in adequate sizes and quantities in each location where trash containers are located. These containers must be placed in reasonable and convenient proximity to all buildings and other uses on-site. In addition, any business that sells or provides food or beverages in recyclable containers for on-site consumption must also provide an adequate size and number of recycling containers for use by consumers. Recycling containers also need to be placed within close and convenient proximity to any vending machine that dispenses products in recyclable packaging.

### ■ Businesses that contract for recycling collection services

- Any business, regardless of size or type, when contracting for collection service for recyclable materials must use a collection company that has a valid license to collect and transport recyclable solid waste in the County.
- A business that contracts for collection services must maintain, for inspection, a copy of that Licensed Collector's license.

### ■ Collectors servicing commercial properties

- Collectors must collect and deliver to a recycling facility materials that have been source separated from the solid waste stream, unless the recyclable materials are not acceptable.
- Collectors must notify, in writing, the generator or responsible agent if it is determined that the recyclable materials are not acceptable for collection. In addition, a copy of this notification must be sent to the County.
- Collectors must provide a copy of its current Montgomery County Collector's License to each customer, at least once annually.

The County will provide all necessary forms and information to assist businesses to come into compliance with Executive Regulation 15-04AM. Failure to comply with the requirements is a Class B violation of Montgomery County Code and violators are subject to fines of \$100 for the initial violation and \$150 for subsequent violations, levied for each day the violation exists.



## ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Update of enforcement actions and results. The following are establishments that were issued written Notices of Violation for violations of County solid waste laws and/or recycling regulations, and are now in compliance, unless noted otherwise.

### ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

#### December 2004

**Izora Restaurant**, 1117-1119 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring;  
Overflowing solid waste containers.

#### January 2005

**Funcoland**, 9667 Lost Knife Rd., Gaithersburg;  
Business not recycling required materials.

**Site Realty Group (909, 914 Silver Spring Rd.)**, 9320 Annapolis Rd., Suite 100, Lanham; Property owner not providing recycling collection services to tenants.

#### February 2005

**Bank of America**, 525 N. Tyron Street, Charlotte, NC;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Carr Real Estate Services**, 7500 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**DARCARS Automotive Group**, 12210 Cherry Hill Rd., Silver Spring; Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Geomet Technologies, Inc.**, 8577 Atlas Drive, Gaithersburg;  
Business not recycling required materials.

**Marriott International, Inc.**, 10400 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Nordstrom's**, 711 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

#### May 2005

**7-Eleven**, 29 Olney-Sandy Spring Rd., Sandy Spring;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**BREA Realty Trust, Inc.**, 11400 Rockville Pike, Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**BREA Realty Trust, Inc. (5515 Security Lane)**, 11400 Rockville Pike, Rockville; Business did not file annual recycling report.

**CB Richard Ellis (4733 Bethesda Ave.)**, 555 11th St. NW, Washington, DC;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Continental Exports**, 124 Derwood Circle, Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Eatzi's Market and Bakery**, 11503-B Rockville Pike, Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Expo Design Center**, 7111 Westlake Terrace, Bethesda;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Extra Clean**, 11777 Parklawn Drive, Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Finmarc Management, Inc. (Piney Branch Shopping Center)**, 4733 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda; Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Food and Drug Research Center**, 5516 Nicholson Lane, Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Home Goods**, 18250 Village Mart Dr., Olney;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Home Goods**, 5130 Nicholson Lane, Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Lincoln Property Company (4800 Montgomery Lane)**, 4520 East-West Hwy., Bethesda; Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Loughlin Management Group, Inc. (2400 Linden Lane)**, 1300 Mercantile St., Largo; Insufficient number of containers for storage of solid waste to prevent overflow between collections.

**Meineke Muffler Car Care**, 8027-F Snouffer School Rd., Gaithersburg;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy**, 13300 Arctic Ave., Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Montgomery Insurance Company**, 17810 Meeting House Rd., Sandy Spring;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Nicholson Precision Instruments**, 7851 Beechcraft Ave., Gaithersburg;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Oakleaf Waste Management (Merchant Tire, NTB, and Tire Kingdoms)**, 800 Connecticut Blvd., E., Hartford, CT; Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Outback Steakhouse**, 12609 Wisteria Dr., Germantown;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Pepperidge Farm**, 8705 Grovemont Circle, Gaithersburg;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Ruby Tuesday's**, 12266A Rockville Pike, Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Sears Auto - White Oak Shopping Center**, 11259 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring; Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Shady Grove Nursing & Rehabilitation**, 9701 Medical Center Dr., Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Silver Diner**, 11806 Rockville Pike, Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Smokey's**, 12367 Wilkins Ave., Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**TGI Friday's**, 12147 Rockville Pike, Rockville;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

**The Rivera Family Investments, LLC (The Shops at Market Place)**, 719 Pebble Beach Dr., Silver Spring; Business did not file annual recycling report.

**Tru Green Land Care**, 17701 New Hampshire Ave., Ashton;  
Business did not file annual recycling report.

### ANNUAL RECYCLING REPORTS

Thanks to all businesses that filed their 2004 annual recycling and waste reduction reports by their respective due date. The County is in the process of conducting field verifications of the annual reports.

# Corrugated Cardboard, Office Paper, White Goods, and Steel Can Prices Rise Dramatically from 2004

Summer 2005



## Recycled Commodity Market Prices

Average Recycled Commodity prices in US dollars for loose materials, unless indicated.

New York Market\*

February 20, 2004 and February 18, 2005.

	February 20, 2004	February 18, 2005
<b>Paper (\$/ton)</b>		
**Newsprint #6	20	60
Magazines	0	40
Corrugated cardboard containers	25	60
*Sorted office paper	23	80
*Sorted white ledger	80	140
***Computer printout	55	55
<b>Metals (\$/ton)</b>		
Aluminum cans	680	800
Steel cans	38	80
White goods	33	80
<b>Glass (\$/ton)</b>		
Flint (clear)	26	30
Amber (brown)	11	15
<b>Plastics (\$/ton)</b>		
PET#1	300	400
Natural HDPE#2	440	540
Colored HDPE#2	280	520
***Combination HDPE	80	80

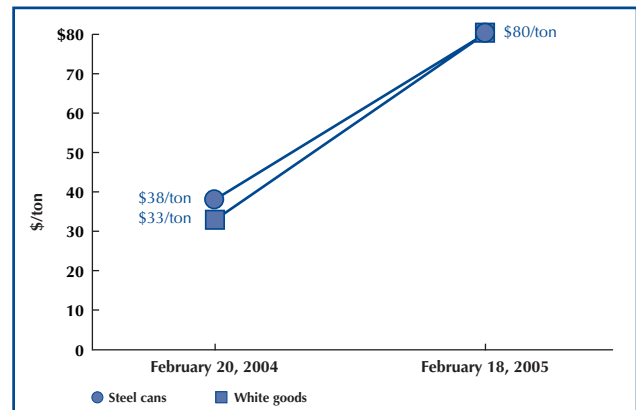
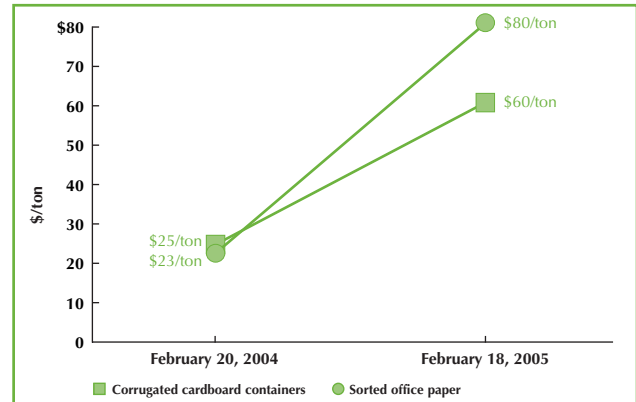
\*New York prices were selected because they represent a large Mid-Atlantic market

\*\*Items indicated baled & picked up

\*\*\*as of 2/08/02

## New York Recovered Paper & Metal Prices

### Baled Material Picked Up at Seller's Dock



For the second quarter of 2005, prices for various paper products, white goods, and steel cans rose at least 75 percent over the same period in 2004. The value of magazines rose over 400%, while newsprint prices climbed from \$20/ton to \$60/ton baled, an improvement of 200%. Corrugated cardboard prices rose by 140%. Sorted office paper and sorted white ledger showed substantial increases of 204% and 75%, respectively from February 2004.

Prices for steel cans showed a large increase improving 115% since 2004. For this same timeframe, plastic values improved from 23% to 86%. The price of combination HDPE#2 plastic increased from \$280/ton to \$540/ton; PET#1 improved 33% from \$300 to \$400/ton; and colored HDPE#2 rose from \$440 to \$520/ton. The value of white goods improved 142%, from \$33/ton to \$80/ton since last year.

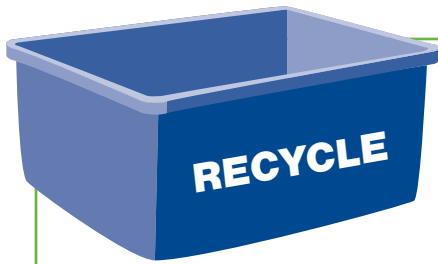


To join SORRT or learn more about business recycling,  
call Alan Pultyniewicz, Program Manager for Montgomery County's SORRT Program.  
240-777-6400; 240-777-6442 (TTY);  
240-777-6465 (fax); e-mail: [recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov)

VISIT US AT OUR WEB SITE: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling)



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*There's always time for recycling . . .*



## Recycling Checklist

Commercial properties and businesses **MUST** recycle the following materials if these products are generated:

### MIXED OR SORTED PAPER



White paper & colored paper



Corrugated cardboard & boxboard



Newspapers and inserts



Magazines & catalogs



Telephone directories, paper-back books



Unwanted mail and other clean, dry paper

### COMMINGLED CONTAINERS



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminum cans and foil products



Bi-metal food and beverage cans



Plastic narrow-neck bottles

(The opening of the container must be narrower than the body of the container)



**YARD TRIM**

(Grass, leaves, and brush)



**CHRISTMAS TREES**



**SCRAP METAL**

Businesses are encouraged to voluntarily recycle the following materials:

- Toner cartridges
- Pallets
- Computers
- Batteries

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling)

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by calling Alan Pulyniewicz at (240) 777-6400.

**County Recycling Center**  
(301) 417-1433

**County Transfer Station**  
(301) 840-2370

**Recycling for Multi-Family Properties**  
(240) 777-6400

**Recycling for Businesses**  
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